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Mike Thompson
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
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Dear Mr. Thompson;

Enclosed are 6 transfer applications for Appropriation D-626 on the Cozad Canal. The Central Platte Natural Resources District CPNRD has a Lease and Management Agreement with Cozad Ditch Company for the purpose of managing water in the irrigation district area and the Platte River. As part of the agreement CPNRD was responsible for filing water right transfers for the irrigation district. The 6 transfer applications for 1,2,3,4,5, and 10 years along with last year's transfers propose to return natural flow crop water use from 12,900.5 acres of surface water irrigated lands to in-stream use to help manage water in the Platte River.

The CPNRD has a Water Use Lease Agreement with the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program, and Stream flow Augmentation Agreements with Twin Platte and Tri-Basin NRD's. These agreements are setup to pay CPNRD and the Cozad Ditch Company for managing returnflows to the Platte River.

The managed returnflow to the Platte River will be based on net returns so the surface water delivered back to the River minus the ground water pumping depletion from the Surface Water lands will constitute the water to be protected in the Platte River downstream of the Cozad Ditch Company.

A check for \$60.00 is included to cover the filing fee.

If you have any question, please contact Duane Woodward or Lyndon Vogt at 308-385-6282.

Sincerely,

Lyndon Vogt, District Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lyndon Vogt', is written over the printed name of the District Manager.